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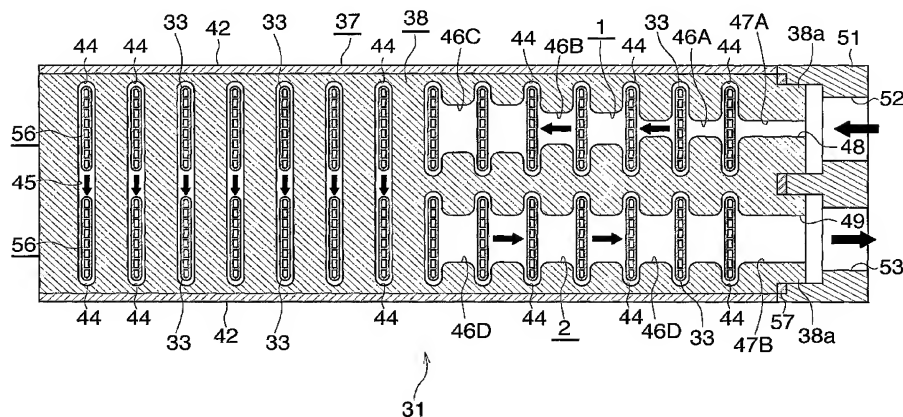
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(57) Abstract: An evaporator 30 has a header tank 31 comprising a header forming plate, a tube connecting plate 37 and an intermediate plate 38. The header forming plate is provided with outward bulging portions. A plurality of tube insertion holes are formed in the tube connecting plate 37. Communication holes 44 are formed in the intermediate plate 38 for causing the tube insertion holes to communicate with the interior of the corresponding outward bulging portion therethrough. At least one of the outward bulging portions serves as a refrigerant passing outward bulging portion for a refrigerant to flow therethrough longitudinally of the bulging portion. All the communication holes 44 in communication with the refrigerant passing bulging portion are held in communication by communication portions 46A to 46C for the communication holes 44 and the communication portions 46A to 46C to provide a refrigerant passageway 1. The refrigerant passageway 1 is altered in cross sectional area along the longitudinal direction thereof by adjusting the width of the communication portions 46A to 46C. The evaporator 30 is reduced in the number of components, can be fabricated by efficient work and exhibits improved heat exchange performance.

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